

ACAC Meeting Minutes, November 6, 2014 (as approved 12.4.14)

Attending: Adria Arch, Barbara Costa, Aimee Taberner, Stephanie Marlin-Curiel, and Carla Dorato; also Amy Mongeau (Arts & Culture Liaison), and Jonathan Hyde (visiting)

Meeting called to order at 8 pm, Cutter Gallery

1. October minutes were approved
2. ACAC openings – Jonathan Hyde joined the meeting as a guest, was interviewed by Barbara, he is waiting to hear if there is any conflict of interest since he also works for MCC. Leland Stein, proprietor of the Regent Theater, is interested in becoming a commissioner, and he could be the School Committee appointee.
3. ACAC nominee for a representative to the Poet Laureate Committee will be Pamela Powell, local writer and Arlington resident. Adria has asked her and she agreed. Barbara will submit her name to Adam Chapdelaine.
4. Arlington Cultural Council grant proposal for funds to pay for a monthly paper calendar of events in the amount of \$2000, was submitted and Amy Mongeau presented it. We will find out if was approved in December/January. Amy will start a new full time job but will be able to continue in her position as Arts and Culture Liaison. Upkeep of calendar and social media will continue.
5. Cultural District designation update – meeting was held with members of A-TED in early October, next meeting is 12/9. Carla found out that revenue in towns that have CD designation was up 15%. But the challenge is how it is administered. We need to convene a group of stakeholders from the Center who may be willing to administer. Adria reported that Ted Fields and Carol Kowalski from Town Planning are very supportive and willing to help. Barbara will invite Carol to our December meeting.
 - a. We agreed that next steps are to agree on 5 or 6 organizations in the Center to invite to a working meeting, such as Robbins Library, ACA, Dallin Museum, Friends of the Drama, Center businesses, Chamber.
 - b. Once we have a core group willing to move forward, we then meet with Board of Selectmen and present our plan.
6. Barbara will write an email to Adam Chapdelaine, Town Manager, to ask for a small allocation of funds for ACAC. We will ask for an amount less than \$3000, on the advice of Joe Curro.
7. Cultural Planning update – we agreed to wait until we go further in our C.D. discussion. A cultural planner can help us walk through the process of CD and also help us figure out a plan of action. The planner that Natick used cost \$4500, paid for in that case by the Metrowest Tourism bureau.
8. Our Town grant discussion – Aimee brought up that Our Town grants could be perfect for us. We will explore. Minimum of \$25,000.

Submitted by Adria Arch